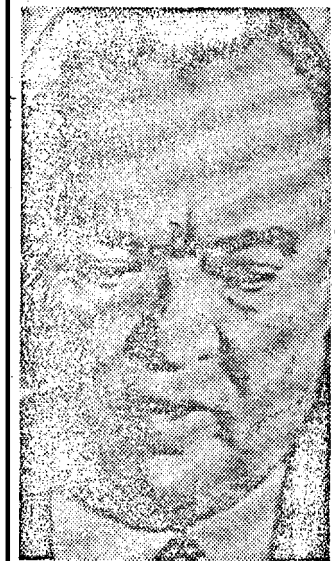


# Sordid Soviet Smear Of J. Edgar Hoover

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—FBI director J. Edgar Hoover has accused Soviet agents of trying to smear him by circulating a phony letter purportedly written by Mr. Hoover to former White House aide Walter Jenkins.



J. EDGAR HOOVER

Mr. Jenkins resigned from the White House staff in October, 1964, following disclosures that he had been arrested twice on morals charges.

Mr. Hoover termed the letter a "crude forgery" and said it was part of "a concerted communist smear campaign" by the Soviet "disinformation department," an arm of the KGB secret police that specializes in distributing false documents.

## WRITES TO SENATOR

The forged letter reflected on Mr. Hoover's morals.

The incident became known today when Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) released a letter he received last Tuesday from Mr. Hoover.

Sen. Hickenlooper wrote to Mr. Hoover after the forged letter was received at the Senator's home in Washington in an envelope postmarked at Baltimore.

The envelope also contained an anonymous letter attacking Mr. Hoover.

Sen. Hickenlooper said he would not make the forged letter public.

An FBI spokesman said Sen. Hickenlooper apparently decided on his own to make public Mr. Hoover's explanation.

## DENOUNCES ATTACK

Sen. Hickenlooper denounced the attack on Mr. Hoover as "scurrilous" and "sort of putrid."

The Senator said he intends to discuss in the Senate on Monday attacks that are being made on Mr. Hoover and other law enforcement officials.

"I never wrote such a letter," Mr. Hoover told Sen. Hickenlooper. "It is one of many anonymous mailings sent to various senators, congressmen and other prominent government officials within the past week. They are part of a concerted Communist smear campaign which was launched a year ago."

Mr. Hoover said the letter showed up last January and again in April.

"Comparison of all the letters disclosed they had all been prepared by the same person or persons," Mr. Hoover said.

"Further comparison with other letters circulated in the past in this and other countries by the Soviet disinformation department proved irrefutably that this was a Communist scheme."

One typical example, Mr. Hoover said, was circulation of a letter in Latin America in the Summer of 1964 that was designed to show that the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency had something to do with the Brazilian revolution of the previous April.

"The intricacies of that Communist scheme became further apparent," Mr. Hoover said, "when we determined that by signature had been forged from a letter stolen by Cubans in Havana in 1960."

Mr. Hoover noted that "the nefarious schemes" of the "disinformation department were detailed in a report by the CIA last year."

The study revealed, Mr. Hoover said, that the Soviet department "wages a broad-scale propaganda offensive against United States agencies."

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